

NOAA CIO Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
May 3, 2001

Attendees: Tom Pyke, Chair

Bill Turnbull	Stu Williams
Carl Staton	Robert Mairs
Hugh Johnson	Nancy Huang
Greg Bass	Larry Tyminski
John Villemarette	Robert Kidwell
Gary Falk	Rick Vizbullis
Joe Gildark	Ira Grossman

Handouts:

Agenda for Meeting
NOAA IT fy2003 Budget Initiative
NOAA CIPS Budget Issue for fy2003
NOAA IT Architecture Review and Approval Process
Capital Asset Plan and justification (SARSAT)

Meeting called to order: 9:35am

Discussions:

Introductory comments: Tom Pyke

The CIO Restructuring Plan has been signed off and has gone to the Hill. There is still a question of where the CIO fits into the Agency management structure. The belief is the CIO should report to the Deputy Secretary. The Senate signed off on the NOAA plan and it's expected that the House will do so shortly.

Tom asked that if there were no urgent business before the committee that they proceed directly into reviewing the IT Budget initiative's before it. Gary Falk asked that he be given a couple of

minutes in order that he might address his agenda item now (Telecom billing and teleops status) since he had prior commitments at the scheduled time for his presentation.

Telecom billing and teleops status - Gary Falk

Gary said that the retooled AT&T FTS2000 information was going to FIMA next week. He said that it was discovered that the AT&T rates had gone up some 150 to 200 percent. And that NMFS had taken issue with AT&T for what it believes to be a 50 percent increase in their rates.

Gary added that the MCI billing information will be up to date by the end of May. And that MCI was working closely with NOAA. And that MCI had scheduled a workshop for the 15th and 16th of May. It appears that the former billing problems with NOAANET have been resolved.

Gary added that AT&T may take legal action against the government since it believes that the FTS2001 now contains many more provisions in it which allows more product offerings than what was originally contracted for.

At this point in the meeting the group was convened as the NOAA IT Review Board.

NOAA IT Security FY2003 Budget Initiative - Bill Turnbull

Bill provided the presentation of the Security Initiative. Bill included several view graphs which drew comment from Tom, Carl and Larry suggesting that a couple of the graphs be redone to show rates of incidence, growth of intrusions, and expected successful attacks during the 2001 through 2003 time period.

Additional questions concerning the level of effort in cost and FTE were presented with comments from Rob, Gary and Hugh. At the end of the presentation it was agreed that Bill would rework some of the graphs to reflect the questions that were raised. The initiative was given a "green" light by the board.

NOAA Critical Infrastructure Protection Initiative - Carl Staton

Carl said that both NWS and NESDIS had offered to allocate money for this effort. The two main points made during the presentation were that the initiative will eliminate single points of failure in critical systems and will allow NOAA to meet operational requirements. Larry and Nancy asked how those requirements are not being currently met, Carl said they are not met because the current backup sources are not under our control. The initiative was given a "green" light by the board.

NESDIS Procurement - SARSAT Ground Stations - Rick Vizbullis

Rick presented the NESDIS plan to replace the existing 14 SARSAT ground stations with 12. Rick said that both the US Airforce and the US Coast Guard not only share the system but provide funding to the Operations, Research and Facilities.

Several questions came up during the presentation with Tom, Greg, and Rick talking about how to best identify how to state the exemption from the 508 accessibility section. It was decided to provide a statement showing what part and paragraph of the standard makes this procurement exempt. The board approved the acquisition.

NOAA IT Architecture Review and Approval Process - Ira Grossman

Ira summarized very quickly two alternative processes for the CIO Council to review and approve the NOAA IT Domain and Line Office (Segment) Architectures. The updated Architectures are due to the department starting in June. Questions came up about how to submit the architectures to the Department. Scheduling a presentation on the The issue of Another question came up asking should the CIO briefing come before or after going to the Department. This discussion is tabled until the next meeting. The CIO Council decided that all NOAA Architecture updates will be forwarded to the Department CIO by June 29 (by posting the updates to the NOAA IT Architecture Home Page). The Council also asked Ira, as the AWG Chair, to summarize the IT Architectures to CIO Council at the June28 meeting.

Wrap-up

Bill quickly stated that not much has happened from last month to this month on the Web Server Consolidation Study. Tom commented that “Lets do what makes sense for NOAA”. This topic to be part of the next meeting.

Tom pointed out the next review meeting is Friday May 11 and that he expects to be looking at five or six plans.

Hugh requests 5 to 10 minutes at the next meeting to discuss IT Architecture assets and what’s involved.

Future NOAA CIO Council meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM and in SSMC 3 9th Floor Conference Room.

Next CIO Council meeting: Thursday May 31, 9:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned - 12:00 Noon

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